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vice which has been in successful use as a means of determining the quantity of steam passing any pipe to which it may be attached. The gift was transmitted on behalf of the General Electric Company by its Sales Manager, Mr. F. G. Vaughen, to Professor Ernst J. Berg, in charge of the department of electrical engineering. This is the second significant gift that the General Electric Company has made the University of Illinois during the past year, the first consisting of a 100-kilowatt Curtis steam turbo-generator which now constitutes a part of the equipment of the department of electrical engineering.

AN association for the promotion of astronomy has been formed in India. It is to be known as the Astronomical Society of India, and has its headquarters at Calcutta.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

It is announced that Mr. John D. Rockefeller has recently offered to give to Western Reserve University for further endowment of its medical department, the sum of \$250,000 provided \$750,000 additional is raised. Toward this \$1,000,000 fund, as was announced in May last, Mr. H. M. Hanna, of Cleveland, has given \$250,000. The trustees of the university have indicated their intention to undertake to secure the \$500,000 needed to complete the fund.

YALE UNIVERSITY is to receive the residue of the estate of Samuel H. Lyman on the death of the testator's brother, Joseph Lyman, with the exception of \$25,000, which goes to the Children's Aid Society. A trust fund, to be known as the "Joseph Lyman Fund for the Aid of Deserving Students," is to be established. The value of the bequest is not known, but the estate is said to be large.

THE construction of the new zoological laboratory of the University of Pennsylvania was begun on September 16. It will be completely finished and furnished by next summer. The total cost will probably be between \$250,000 and \$300,000. As planned, it will be the largest building yet constructed for zoology.

THE Drapers' Company, which has already done so much for the Agricultural School of Cambridge University, has offered a sum of £22,000 towards the cost of erecting a new physiological laboratory on the Downing site, and a further sum of £1,000 for fittings. The proposed new laboratory for psychophysics, the cost of which has been collected by Dr. C. S. Myers, will, it is hoped, be erected in the close neighborhood of the proposed building for physiology.

THE new chemical and physiological laboratories for the University of Bristol are now complete. The formal opening will take place on November 15 by Lord Winterstoke, chancellor of the university.

SYLVESTER K. LOY, Ph.D. (Hopkins), is acting professor of chemistry at Symons College, Boston, Mass.

THOMAS A. LEWIS, Ph.D. (Hopkins), has been appointed professor of physiology at Richmond College, Va.

THE executive committee of the board of trustees of Cornell University has made the following appointments: Seymour S. Garrett, '04, and John A. Wheeler, '03, assistant professors of mechanics of engineering; F. W. Buck, '09, C. E. Townsend, '07, and C. W. Davis, '07, instructors in machine design; J. F. Stephens, instructor in electrical engineering; D. S. Cole, instructor in electrical engineering; H. McClure, instructor in mechanics of engineering; J. F. Brauner, Jr., '05, instructor in civil engineering; A. H. Forman, instructor in physics; R. D. Anthony, instructor in pomology; R. R. Birch, instructor in experimental pathology.

APPOINTMENTS at the University of Michigan are: Henry Allan Gleason, Ph.D., assistant professor of botany; Alvin C. Kraenzlein, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania, assistant professor of physical training; Walter Mann Mitchell, Ph.D., assistant professor of astronomy; Carl Leonard DeMuralt, formerly of New York City, professor of electrical engineering.